

Reply to Office Action of 09/08/2005
Amendment Dated: December 21, 2005

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REMARKS

Claims 1-28 were examined in the outstanding office action mailed on 09/08/2005. Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a). By virtue of this response, claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 23 are sought to be amended, and claims 29-33 are sought to be added. The amendments and additions are believed not to introduce new subject matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-33 are thus respectfully presented for reconsideration.

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering and making of record the IDS filed on March 04, 2002. The Examiner is also thanked for acknowledging the same in the Outstanding Office Action.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In point number 2, page number 2 of the Outstanding Office Action, claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 noting that:

In claim 1 (line 3), it is unclear where a first set of access addresses is coming from. At line 7, it is unclear where the request is received and from where the request is coming from.

Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 1 need not recite where the first set of access addresses are coming from or where the request is coming from. However, in an embodiment described in the specification, the first set of access addresses are received from SESM 120 of Figure 1, and the request is received from the server in the service network (as specified in contacts table 370 of Figure 3).

In addition, it is noted that all elements of claim 1 are recited as being performed in the SSG, and the request is received in the SSG.

Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 with respect to claim 1 is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of the same rejection with respect to claims 8, 15 and 23

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is also requested for similar reasons.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claims 1-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipate by the Cisco publication entitled, "Data Sheet Cisco Service Selection Gateway"(hereafter "Cisco publication"). Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 23, are sought to be amended as given in "Listing of Claims" above. The rejections are rendered moot at least in view of the foregoing amendments.

For example, currently amended independent claim 1, recites in relevant parts:

...
receiving a first set of access addresses, *wherein said first set of access addresses represent the set of addresses at which said service can be accessed*;
forwarding a first plurality of packets, each of said first plurality of packets is destined to one of said first set of access addresses such that said subscriber can access said service;
receiving a request to change said first set of access addresses to a new set of access addresses, *wherein said new set of access addresses represent addresses at which said service can be continued to be accessed*; and
forwarding a second plurality of packets, each of said second plurality of packets being destined to one of said new set of access addresses *such that said subscriber can continue to access said service*.
(Currently Amended Claim 1, *Emphasis Added*)

Claim 1 thus recites a method using which a selection gateway (SSG) may allow a subscriber access to services with a changing set of access addresses. Cisco publication does not disclose such a feature.

Independent claims 8, 15 and 23 have been similarly amended. It is believed that the currently amended independent claims are allowable over the art of record at least in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks. All the dependent claims are also allowable at least as depending from an allowable base claim.

Conclusion

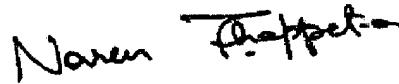
Thus, all the objections and rejections are believed to be overcome, at least in view

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of the above amendments and remarks, and that all the presented claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is believed that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,

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